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H.B. No. 2124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the procedures for identifying and notifying relevant
3 federal agencies about certain child abuse and neglect
4 investigations.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 261.301, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) In an investigation of a report of abuse or neglect
9 allegedly committed by a person responsible for a child's care,
10 custody, or welfare, the department as soon as practicable shall
11 make efforts to determine whether the person is a member of the
12 United States armed forces. If the department determines the
13 person is a member of the United States armed forces, the department
14 shall notify the United States Department of Defense family
15 advocacy program of the allegation and investigation.

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
17 261.301, Family Code, apply only to a report of abuse or neglect
18 made on or after the effective date of this Act. A report made
19 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the
20 report was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.